THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Saturday, the 13th November 1965.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Revised syllabus for Secondary Schools

* 216 *Q*.—SRI N. V. NATARAJAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to modify the syllabus of Secondary Schools; and

(*b*) if so, the stage at which the matter now stands?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The revised syllabus for Standards VI to IX (six to nine) has been published. It has been decided to introduce one elective in the syllabus for Standards X and XI.

Stipendiary B.T. Assistants in Madurai District Board High Schools

* 217 *Q*.—SRI M. RAJAH IYER : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation has been received from the stipendiary B.T. Assistants serving in the Madurai District Board High Schools regarding the fixation of their salary; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The request was not complied with, since better scale of pay was introduced with effect from 1st June 1960.

SRI M. RAJAH IYER : Is it not a fact that other B.T. Assistants in the same District Board were started on Rs. 90 whereas the stipendiary B.T. Assistants were only given Rs. 75 and they had to lose about Rs. 15 per mensem for about three years?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The old scale of pay was Rs. 80—5—125—10—175. It has been raised to Rs. 140—5—180—10—250. That is the present scale.

Non-teaching staff in Secondary Schools of Madurai district

* 218 *Q*.—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to Legislative Council Question No. 102 on 11th August 1965